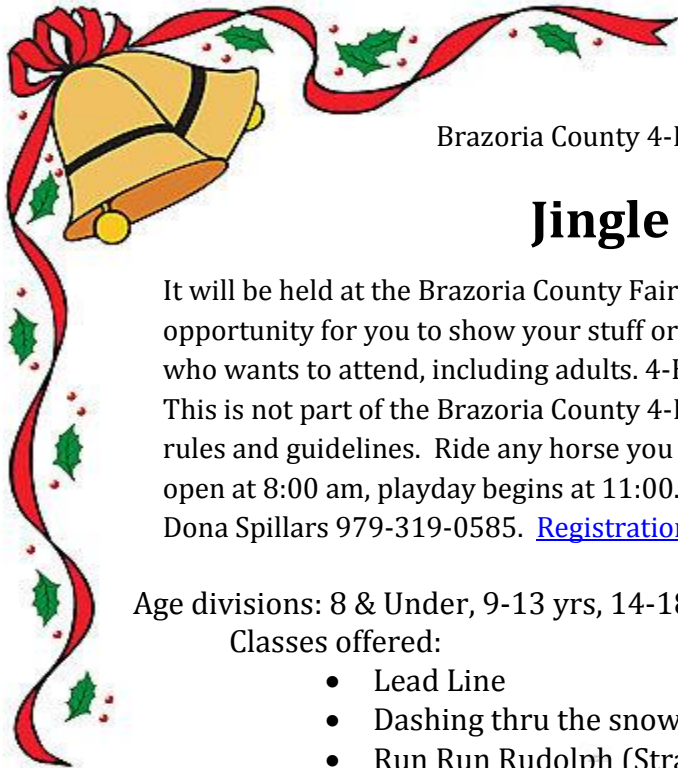




Brazoria County 4-H December 2016 News

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Brazoria County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee presents...

Jingle Bell Playday

It will be held at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds - December 5, 2015. This is the perfect opportunity for you to show your stuff or get some practice. This playday is open to anyone who wants to attend, including adults. 4-H or non-4-H members are welcome to join the fun. This is not part of the Brazoria County 4-H Horse Show Point Series so there are not the same rules and guidelines. Ride any horse you like, and play around with us for the day. Books open at 8:00 am, playday begins at 11:00. For more information, [view the flyer](#) or contact Dona Spillars 979-319-0585. [Registration form](#) and fees will be due day of the show.

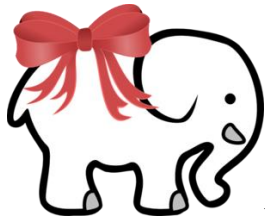
Age divisions: 8 & Under, 9-13 yrs, 14-18 yrs, and 19 & Over

Classes offered:

- Lead Line
- Dashing thru the snow (Poles)
- Run Run Rudolph (Straights)
- Mistletoe Race (Clovers)
- North Pole Run (Speed Race)



Exhibitions will be run from 8:30-10:30. Lead Line will start promptly at 11:00am



Kick off the holidays at the County Council Winter Carnival!

The Brazoria County 4-H Council will meet on **December 14th at 7pm.** Bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift if you would like to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange. All clubs should send at least 2 officers/representatives to each meeting. Any 4-H member that has a desire to improve and their leadership skills and expand their 4-H experience can attend. The knowledge you gain at this meeting will not only help you more effectively serve your club, but also develop your communication and leadership skills.

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BRAZORIA COUNTY
4-H DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club is a group that focuses on the different projects and contests that are a part of 4-H. Each Tuesday starting January 19th there will be 2 projects offered and you will be able to pick one to learn more about and participate in. Come to Dinner Club to learn more about a project and to practice for your contest. Dinner Club is from 5-7pm and dinner will be served and is free but we ask that you RSVP by email with Cameron or Kelsey for any dates you are planning to attend.

Date	Projects	Projects
January 19, 2016	Ag product ID	Food Challenge
January 26, 2016	Wildlife Skillathon	Food Show
February 2, 2016	Leaders 4 Life	Healthy Lifestyles
February 9, 2016	Beef Quiz Bowl	Fashion Show & Fashion Story Board
February 16, 2016	Swine Quiz Bowl	Duds to Dazzle
February 23, 2016	Horse Quiz Bowl	Share the Fun
March 1, 2016	4-H SET: Research Poster contest	Nutrition Quiz Bowl
March 8, 2016	Educational Presentations	Photography & Photography Judging
March 15, 2016	TBD- Will be focused on projects kids are competing at county in	Consumer Decision Making
March 22, 2016	TBD- Will be focused on projects kids are competing at county in	TBD- Will be focused on projects kids are competing at county in
March 29, 2016	TBD- Will be focused on projects kids are competing at county in	TBD- Will be focused on projects kids are competing at county in

If parents are interested in helping teach 4-H youth on one of these topics just email Cameron.arias@ag.tamu.edu to let her know you are happy to help.

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District 9 4-H Indoor Archery Contest

January 29-30, 2016.

Let's put Brazoria County on the map and show em' who's boss at the District 9 indoor archery contest in Somerville. Call our office at 979-864-1558 x 114 to let us know you plan to compete and enter into connect by January 17th. Good luck to all! [See the rules for more information.](#)



HOUSTON Livestock Show and Rodeo

New Scholarship opportunity!! - HLSR once again has upped the ante! Earn a scholarship award in the amount of \$18,000 over a period of four years. Deadlines are all in February and done online through the HLSR website. Please visit their [webpage](#) for more details and to apply. Don't wait and let this opportunity pass for a great financial scholarship available to 4-H members.



WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA



Brazoria County 4-H is starting an Entrepreneur Group called *Minding Your Own Business* that will create products and sell them in the Clover Corner Booth at Angleton Market Days in March 2016 and November 2016. All profits earned by each 4-H member will go back into their pocket. Parents are welcome to join the class as well!

Investment is \$15 and includes:

- *Minding Your Own Business* workshops for the 2016 4-H year
- Supplies for products
- Light refreshments at each workshop

Objectives:

- Learn the basics of starting and growing your own business
- Learn to price and market products
- Learn to manage the financials of a business and what to do with the profits
- Learn to make a profit from minimal supplies

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Pssst Seniors,.... here is 2016 Scholarship Information, documents and important dates for applicant submission you've been waiting for! Achieve your next level in education by securing your funding today.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. This year Texas 4-H members can apply for scholarships in

three areas, baccalaureate, courageous heart, and technical. Former Texas 4-H members will be able to apply for scholarships through the collegiate scholarship program. All applications and support materials are attached to this email. Additionally, all information can be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website at: texas4-h.tamu.edu

Due to a continued increase in incomplete and the incorrect completion of the scholarship applications from applicants, any incomplete or incorrect application submitted will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and parent/guardian to ensure all information is correct and complete prior to submitting. Absolutely no follow up or updates will be allowed once submitted.



All applications **MUST** meet the minimum requirements/criteria to even be considered for judging (see guidelines for complete details). Those applications not meeting the requirements should not be submitted to the county Extension Office and/or Agent.

Trainings

Check with your District 9 4-H Specialist to see about any district based training(s) might be held in your area.

Due dates and deadlines for 2016 Scholarship process are as follows:

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| September, 2015 | Release of 2016 Application |
| November – January | Scholarship Trainings |
| November – December | Applicant complete FAFSA and receive report |
| Set by County Office | Application due to County Office |
| February 5, 2016 | Applications due to District Office |
| February 19, 2016 | Applications due to State 4-H Office |
| April 12, 2016 | Interview selection notification |
| April 29-May 1, 2016 | Interviews (Austin, TX) |
| June 7, 8, &/or 9, 2016 | Awards Assemblies/Banquets (College Station, TX) |

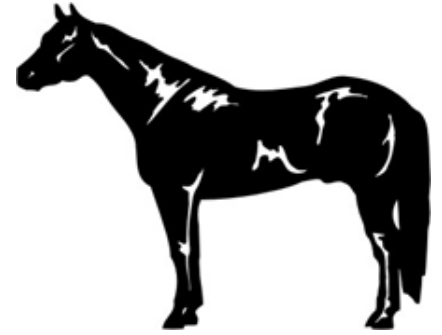
Here are important links to documents you will need to get you started and apply for scholarships:

- [FAFSA Instructions and Examples](#)
- [2016 Opportunity Scholarship Application Examples](#)
- [Rules and Guidelines](#)
- [Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application](#)
- [Texas 4-H Collegiate Scholarship Application](#)

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Brazoria County Horse Judging Team



Come join us!!! If you are brand new to horse judging or have years of experience WE WANT YOU!

Upcoming practices:

- Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- TBA Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30om in the Auditorium
- Tuesday, December 29th at 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- Tuesday, January 5th at 6:30pm in the conference Room



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Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00-5:00pm



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of the staff at the 4-H Office. We hope everyone has a great and safe Holiday season. Our office will be closed on **December 24 & 25** and **January 1st** in observance of the holidays.

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